

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 7/13/15	NEED RESPONSE BY: 7/24/15
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: San Mateo	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: Post-9/11 GI Bill/Military Education Benefit	
4. REGULATION CITE(S):	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). 7 CFR 273.9	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Per research, the Post-9/11 GI Bill/military education benefit is administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Per 7 CFR 273.9 Unearned Income shall include, but not be limited to scholarships, educational grants, deferred payment loans for education, veteran's educational benefits and the like, other than educational assistance with a work requirements, in excess of amounts excluded under 273.9 (c).

Per 7 CFR 273.09 (c) Income Exclusions (3)(i), Educational assistance, including grants, scholarships, fellowships, work study, educational loans on which payment is deferred, veteran's educational benefits and the like (more information/provisions are included under (3)(ii) to consider the educational assistance excluded). However, clarification is needed as to whether the Post -9/11 GI Bill/ military education benefit is considered unearned or excluded income in the CalFresh budget.

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

The Post-9/11 GI Bill/military education benefit is considered exempt income in the CalFresh budget as it is a benefit administered by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs which may be considered as federal financial aid.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Post GI Bill benefits are exempt from consideration as income to the extent that they are either earmarked by the lender, used for, or intended to be used for, allowable educational expenses (per MPP 63-502.2(e)).

Base Allowance for Housing (BAH) benefits received by the household shall be considered unearned income.

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